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Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed February 23rd, 2011 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The Examiner's responses can be seen below.

2. In regards to Applicant's arguments regarding the press frame 21 of Bergman not preloading the assembly, the Examiner must respectfully disagree. As described in the previous action, Bergman's device utilizes a cylinder-and-piston 1,4 (i.e. barrel assembly), pressure generator (4-7), end closure assemblies (2, 3), and a surrounding tension frame comprised of clamping pistons 21 and spacing block 20 (See Col. 6, Lines 17-36) Just like Applicant's tension frame and clamping pistons, the tension frame (20, 21) of Bergman is designed to press against the end closures (2, 3) in order to take up any axial forces placed thereon during pressurization inside chamber 10 (See Col. 5, lines 41-51; Col. 7, Lines 4-17; Col. 7, line 66 – col. 8, line 10) The Examiner must assert that these disclosures make it clear that the press frame 20, 21 is designed to press (i.e. pre-load) against the end closures (2, 3) and barrel assembly (1, 4), and plunger 15 in order to take up outwardly-acting axial forces created during intense pressurizing developed within chamber 10. The Examiner would further assert that the term "press frame" alone would imply that the press frame 21 is intended to press (i.e. pre-load) against the end closures and corresponding assemblies. The Applicant appears to be taking an unreasonably narrow view of the prior art, with which the Examiner simply cannot agree.

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